

**District IV and VI Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2002
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The District IV Advisory Board Meeting was held at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall at 455 N. Main. In attendance were the District IV City Council Member Bill Gale, District VI City Council Member Fearey, nine (9) District Advisory Board Members, six (6) City Staff, and thirty one (31) citizens signing in. Approximately 60 attended.

DAB IV Members Present

Council Member Bill Gale
Ed Koon
Bea Vickers
Paul Ward
Iola Crandall
Jim Benton
Wayne Wells
Dorman Blake
Jerry McGinty
Tom Kessler

DAB IV Members Absent

Rex Gray

Staff Present

Officer Beck
Officer Mellard
Terri Dozal Evergreen Neighborhood Assistant
Aaron Hamilton Stanley Neighborhood Assistant
Jim Toben
Daniel Nguyen
Chris Carrier Storm Water Engineer
Latricia Harper

DAB VI Members Present

Florena Schenewis
Bob Schreck
Dick Rumsey
Jaya Escobar
Linda Matney
John Cohoon
Maurine Willis
Rosalie Bradley
David Pendergraft
Annie Best

DAB VI Members Absent

Bickley Foster
Bob Wine
Kyle Irvin

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Council Member Gale called the joint DAB meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes will be approved at the October 2 and 7, 2002 perspective DAB meetings

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted by both DAB IV and VI

Public Agenda

The Public Agenda contains requests from members of the public who desire to present matters to the District Advisory Board. Each presentation is limited to a period of five minutes unless extended by the Board.

No items were submitted.

PLANNING

1. Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Program

Daniel Nguyen, staff from the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department, presented the proposed bicycle/pedestrian and scenic/environmental projects for submission to KDOT for FY 2004 and 2005. Nguyen is asking the DAB's to support this program of \$14-20 million the cost of the statewide program over two years, and not the cost of Wichita projects.

Three of the pathways are being resubmitted as the State ran out of funding and we are hoping this time the projects will be accepted.

- I-135/Chisholm Drainage way Shared Roadway and Path (McAdams Park to Grove Park)
- "K-96 Bike Path at Hillside," is a landscaping project at the entrance to Grove Park.
- I -135/Gypsum Creek Shared Use Path (Stafford-Wassall-George Washington Blvd.)
- Historic Midtown Bike Path/Greenway (Central/Waco to 15th St. N/Broadway)
- Pawnee-Woodlawn Gypsum Creek to Rock Road. This is a Sedgwick County project. However, Wichita does support it.

Member Pendergraft asked if each project would be considered separate, what would the total amount of miles be built? Nguyen responded 6-7 miles is estimated.

Council Member Gale asked for public input. No public input was submitted.

*******Action Taken:** DAB VI approves submitting all projects to KDOT.

(Bradley/Schreck 9-0)

DAB IV recommends approval of projects for submission to KDOT. **(Benton/ McGinty 9-0)**

- #### **2. Drainage improvements running from the Arkansas River entering at Athenian – Chris Carrier**
- Storm Water Engineer, presented a proposed drainage plan running from the Arkansas River to West Street. This proposal is the result of a tremendous amount of planning. The City of Wichita hired a local consulting engineering firm to study the Big Arkansas from I-235 and Zoo Blvd to Kellogg. Surveys were taken of the area where, historically, water builds up because the area is flat. All of the alternatives were looked at

because this project will be the major step for fixing the flooding between the river and West Street. Pump stations and gravity flow lines were looked at but would be difficult because the system would have to be retrofitted (putting improvements in existing neighborhoods). Existing storm drains and inlets are too small for the drainage necessary in the area.

Mid Kansas Engineering submitted a report with three major projects recommended in September of 2000. The projects proposed were:

1. A 9th street outflow project with an estimated cost of \$6 million.
2. A 1st or 2nd street storm sewer outfall. The route would go from the Arkansas River to 1st or 2nd Street (to be determined by the DAB) and run to West Street. Also included in this was a line in the Orchard Breeze neighborhood and other neighborhoods. The estimated cost is \$17 million. Design would take place in 2002-2003 and construction 2004-2005. The first phase would be construction of a storm sewer outflow from Athenian to West Street.
3. Improvements in 2007/2008 to Maple street interception, hopefully will include connecting to Kellogg drain.

Other projects along I-235 and Hoover are not in the CIP yet.

The City of Wichita hired Ruggles and Bohm and Baughman Engineering to work together on a route location. No assessments will be used to pay for the project. Funds will come from storm water fees and General Obligation Bonds.

Jeff Bradley, Baughman Co. PA, explained routing of the proposed pipe or box culvert would be:

1. Part of a West Street drainage solution
2. Critical to future West Street improvements
3. Able to provide relief to 2nd and Sheridan and 2nd and Gow
4. A drainage conduit for future developments

Chris Bohm, Mid-Kansas Engineering Consultants, Inc. went through the process and some of the obstacles the firms faced when choosing the route:

1. Contacted all utilities
 - a. Had to look at St. Louis and Douglas for the most viable and economical route.
 - b. 2nd Street fraught with utility lines.
2. Walked the whole neighborhood.

What they found was 1st Street would cause less conflicts with the utilities and cost about \$1 million less. Both 1st and 2nd have a lot of trees that will need to be worked around or

removed. Athenian is the only option leading from whatever street is chosen to the Arkansas River (**Bohm** showed where the drainage would tie in to the river). 1st Street is a concern because it turns at Gordon and there are vacant lots at the intersection of 1st and Sheridan. Negotiations will need to take place with the property owner and the City. An unpaved section of 1st Street would save thousands of dollars in construction costs. The City owns the property along the right of way, which will also save money. Hannah Heating and Air Conditioning would get a conduit under their grass but their business driveway would not be torn up. Inlets on West Street are low hydraulically, making the job easier.

Bohm noted the following advantages and disadvantages to each route:

Disadvantages of 2nd street:

- Condos only have one access (off of 2nd) so there would be no entrance for them while construction takes place.
- There are more utilities to work around (gas, telephone) which would double construction time.
- There are some apartments and the Bethel Baptist Church would need to be worked around.
- The street would have to be completely shutdown.
- There are some homes off of 2nd street with a single access that would be temporarily cut off.

Disadvantages of 1st street:

- New asphalt would have to be laid along Sheridan.
- A pipe would need to be run north to pick up the existing 2nd street pump.
- Three properties would have to be acquired.

Advantages to 1st street:

- This route minimizes disruption to the public.
- Most economical (partially unpaved and minimum relocation of utilities).
- The intersection at 1st and West Street is a natural low spot.

Construction needs for either site would include large equipment (back hoe, front loaders, dump trucks and compactors), sand and bedding materials, and a staging area.

Chris Carrier said he hopes the District Advisory Boards make a decision tonight. Storm Water needs public input to give the consultants the go ahead to begin design work. The DABs need to pick the best route for the community. We will then come back to the DABs when a final design has been submitted.

The following are questions and comments from DAB members. Answers are in italics where applicable.

Tom Kessler (DAB IV) asked what advantages there are to using 2nd Street? *It was noted drainage is bad at Gow and Sheridan. What about property acquisition on that route? There is a vacant lot in the new subdivision with easement directly next to that, and a dentist's office at West Street who would have to be negotiated with. Savings for using 1st Street instead of 2nd is almost \$1 million. Actual drainage would take place in 7ft by 4ft or 7ft by 5 ft drainage conduits (boxes).*

Jim Benton (DAB IV) asked why is 1st Street the alternate route instead of 2nd? *There is property acquisition so lives will be disrupted. Carrier noted 2nd Street is the alternative to original route. Council Member Bill Gale noted the original proposal was 2nd Street, but the building of a new subdivision changed things.*

Dorman Blake (DAB IV) asked which pathway has less resistance? *The alternate route.*

Bob Schreck (DAB VI) inquired if a pump station would be needed? *No, these are gravity fed lines. Also, would the sand streets be paved once this project was completed? Carrier stated that this would have to be looked at because of City Council's adopted policies.*

Carrier went on to state the public has been spoken to briefly about this project but not in detail. There are different options for the 1st street preferred route and the 2nd street route does not impact properties and homeowners as much. This is not a water quality project but a draining project.

David Pendergraft (**DAB VI**) looking at the term limits of phase 1, there will be a lot of water going to the big river. Will there be lots of water flow to get through and not cause problems at Gow and Sheridan? *Bohm stated taking water along the way by hydraulics depends on how big of a pipe is used. Pendergraft inquired if on 1st or 2nd streets at Athenian the 90 degree angle turn would affect the flow? Two 45degree angle pipes would be placed at the bend to minimize deflection. What is the size of the box? 8 1/2 feet.*

Ed Koon (DAB IV) said Orchard Breeze Neighborhood Association was originally in this. Why was it removed and when will it be addressed? *Carrier answered because of economics, they will have to put a main line in first, then get to phase II that goes west of West Street and is in the Capital Improvement Plan. He recommends this project to be in the CIP annually. When will it be addressed? Don't know, no date set yet.*

Iola Crandall (DAB IV) asked if it would be more economical to pave sand roads now or later? *Carrier - Now. Can the projects be coordinated with the residents' approval? It takes a petition to get a street paved. Does it make sense? Yes.*

Jerry McGinty (DAB IV) referring to the pipe that runs from Sheridan to 2nd asked if that was the only one that curved before West Street? There seem to be three major hot spots:

1. Gow and 2nd
2. Sheridan and 2nd
3. Douglas and West Street

The intersection along the way could be helped also? *The design is not done yet. This is just the first of many projects. The time frame for the construction is 2004-2005 with actual bids going out in late 2003. Both routes would be on the same time frame.*

Bob Schreck (DAB VI) asked about the water table and if there would be boring to determine where it was? *This would be determined as part of the design stage. For special construction projects, you don't know much until a design is started.*

Wayne Wells (DAB IV) delivers Delano newsletters east of Meridian. He realizes some property owners may not agree with it but 2nd Street is high traffic. First Street is the route to go as they have multiple entrances to their property.

Council Member Bill Gale asked everyone to come forward who has comments.

The following are comments from the public. Answers are in italics where applicable.

Citizen Cleor Warner from West 2nd asked when would the West side of West Street be looked at for flooding? *Carrier stated this project is part of the Master Plan, and there is no time frame. Projects need to be selected by the Capital Improvement Plan and this outlet was lucky to be selected.*

Stan Finley - 202 N. Gow, thanked **Jeff Bradley** for coming out to his property to explain proposed changes. He showed a picture of a barn-like garage. The 1st Street proposal would go diagonally through his property and come within two feet of his back porch. It also would completely block him from getting to his two garages. He doesn't believe it will be put back the way it is now despite assurances from City staff. He proposes they take it down empty lots to 2nd Street. He asked what about the four inlets at 2nd and West Street and why don't they drain? *They aren't big enough to hold the current load.* If a bigger pipe is installed, are the drains big enough? *No.* Do they drain? *Sometimes they have to be cleaned out.* **Finley** referred to his water bill and said he is going to fight the City to the end.

Phyllis McCabe, 410 S. Knight, said she tried to walk Sheridan between St. Louis and 2nd Street. She is speaking on behalf of herself and two women in favor of 2nd Street who could not make the meeting. There is garbage 15 feet into yards because of rainwater. The 1st Street option may not solve problems along 2nd Street to truly fix the problem. Which is the lowest point, 2nd or 1st? *Jeff said 2nd and Gow and 2nd and Sheridan are the lowest points.* **McCabe** - Will the work take care of the two blocks to the north? *Douglas and West Street was the main consideration.* **McCabe** - Sheridan was

impassable when she was out there. She hopes the DABs take care of the problem, instead of just Douglas and West Street. **Chris Carrier** reasserted *this is the beginning of many projects. They won't solve all the problems right now, but it will be a major help. Follow up projects are in the master plan. Currently a 15 inch pipe is being replaced with a 7foot by 4 foot pipe, which will be a tremendous help.*

Council Member Gale asked if 2nd and Sheridan would be drained as well? *It's been discussed having the 1st Street proposal to reach over and get that area. Is 1st and West Street a low spot? Yes.*

Ward McCain, asked if main lines are to be added to later? *Yes. All water will run into the river and ditch? Yes. As the population grows, you'll get more contamination, which is his main concern. What will be done about that? Treatment of storm water runoff is being done on the west side. No provisions for storm water quality was required with this project.*

Mr. Carrier added to say projects designated for now are the 1st/2nd Streets storm sewer outfall, a 9th street project and then we will branch into the neighborhoods, this doesn't mean it will be done that way. We will keep notifying residents of the upcoming projects.

Melissa Shelter (No address) owns property on Athenian. Would Athenian be completely closed? *It would be blocked at the intersection of construction, sending people out the other way. Would this be at the river and Athenian? How much traffic can be anticipated? Temporary pavement will be provided until a sizable road is built and restored to gravel as quickly as possible.*

Ron Raney - 1st and Meridian – The Central storm drain was just installed. He is concerned about previous construction? *The Central box takes water to Meridian and acts as a trunk line from Zoo Blvd. Are there three lines from the River to Sheridan? We're now at two and a box at 1st and Meridian. Why use those lines if putting in a new one? Carrier – You can't get outlets in before small projects. There are several down south where large drainage boxes are running into 15" pipe. He explained the CIP process.*

David Reeves 157 N. St. Clair stated he empathized with the couple that lives on Gow Street. Will there be invasion of property on either side of 1st street as you come down the middle? *Cars may have to move to side streets in order to leave their homes. We will be working down the middle of road and will not be moving any trees. What kind of plan do you have in case the Arkansas River gets high? With a good river flow going down stream during storms there should be suction effect, but in case there are locations of inlets designed to prevent this. The river rises several hours after a storm, so we should be able to prevent any backflow.*

Don Vaughn, 249 N. Athenian highly commends City staff for such a workable plan. This should take care of many concerns not just the ones on West Street.

Dorman Blake left at 8:16 p.m.

Ken North, 543 S. Gordon, said to take 2nd Street. The drains on 1st would fill up with dirt if not repaved.

Sandra Nelson - Noted Mennonite Housing fronts 2nd Street. There are two houses less than 20 feet from the street. What will the heavy equipment do to houses close to the street? *The contractor has to provide updates (flyers sent out) detailing progress. There will be plenty of forewarning when construction is coming up.* Her husband is disabled so they couldn't get to the house? **Carrier** - *Measures have to be taken to keep at least one-way access open not only for the residents but for Fire, EMS considerations as well. Access will be maintained.*

Beverly North, 543 S. Gordon, would like to see DAB's not vote tonight but rather get more citizen input.

The following are questions and comments from DAB members. Answers are in italics where applicable.

Annie Best (DAB VI) asked if coming to the DAB's was the last decision? **Carrier** responded that City Council had already authorized the project and we just need for the authorization of the street for the design to be started.

Paul Ward (DAB IV) asked how pressing is a recommendation from the Boards? *No designs can be made until a decision is made.*

Council Member Fearey stated this project needs to go out to the Sunflower neighborhood association and get all the concerns from the area. DAB VI will follow recommendations from the neighborhood.

Rosalie Bradley (DAB VI) stated there is one person who will be greatly affected and there should be a policy for working with that resident. Can the design be modified? *We will need to look further into this.* The Riverside area has had lots of problems with construction and we have worked this out.

Council Member Bill Gale asked how long before plans are due? *Plans are due a year from November.* **Carrier** noted they hope to get consensus while both DAB members are in attendance.

Iola Crandall (DAB IV) said residents have had ample notice. **Carrier** - *Notified all who abut the streets and two deep in some areas.*

*******Action Taken: A motion was approved (Matney/Crandall) to adopt the 1st Street proposal by a vote of 17-0-1 (Schenewis) abstained.**

Bob Schreck (DAB VI) added he would like to see the dirt streets paved. **Iola Crandall (DAB IV)** commented that Sunflower neighborhood should take an active role in getting this started.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Hamilton, District IV Neighborhood Assistant
Terri Dozal, District VI Neighborhood Assistant

Guests

Paul Gray	5923 W. 42nd So. 67215	Jaya Escobar	1500 N. Emporia 67214
Berle & Maurice Willis	3834 Woodrow 67204	David Pendorgraft	3155 N. Jackson 67204
Doug Low/McGreevy's	230 N. West St. 67203	Cleon & Gayle Werner	4309 W. 2nd 67212
Barbara Miller	251 N. Knight 67203	Melissa Shetlar	6317 W. 35th Ct. 67215
Ken & Beverly North	543 S. Gordon 67213	Stan & Marcia Finley	202 N. Gow 67203
Russ & Myrna Haas	2017 McLean Blvd 67203	Don Vaughn	249 N. Athenian 67203
David & Gerri Reeves	157 N. St. Clair 67203	Ron Roanne	200 N. Meridian
Jim Scharnhorst	3210 W. 2nd 67212	Judith Epperson	3400 W. 2nd 67212
Jim Toben -	Southwestern Bell	Connie Lickey	361 N. Athenian 67203
Judy Weigel	I.L.R.C. 3330 W. Douglas	Kathy Ayala	127 N. Gow
Bonnie Spellman	128 N. Gow 67203	Grace & John Daniels	3330 W. 2nd 67203